

Program Highlights 2007

Študentska Arena — 25,000 students

For a week in October, a “student fair” in Ljubljana attracted approximately 25,000 students (high school, undergraduate, graduate, etc.) The US Embassy devoted a booth to study in the US — the booth was identified by the organizers as one of the two most visited exhibits (second to an online search engine). More than 275 students signed up at the fair, subscribing to an electronic mailing list to receive more information about studying in the US



Ad Futura Selected for US Educational Advising

On February 26, 2007, the Slovene Human Resources and Scholarship Fund was selected to receive a grant to undertake US educational advising in Slovenia. While they have not yet actively assumed that role, they are gearing up to take on the responsibility (new facilities, new management, new staff). We hope that in February of 2008 they will be actively advising students interested in studying in the US.

Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ Universities, high schools, and other educational institutions/organizations
- ▶ Institute of International Education, European Office

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	219	199

Slovenia

Advising Center Network

Slovene Human Resources and Scholarship Fund (formerly Ad Futura) advises students on study abroad and offers financial support for students and researchers going abroad. After years of experience in international advising, the Fund joined the EducationUSA network in February 2007. Since that time, the Fund has expanded its activities to focus on US educational advising.

Advising activities include: online social and advising network Club Ad Futura; promotion activities; group presentations; one-on-one advising (personal, phone, e-mail, internet forums); internet and library access, etc.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -9.1%

- ▶ According to the Slovene Human Resources and Scholarship Fund, based on the number of inquiries they receive, the USA is still one of the top countries of interest for Slovenes to study/research abroad, second only to the UK. In 2007, IIE Open Doors reported a drop of Slovenia-US student mobility of 20 students.
- ▶ Most students who study in the US seek graduate or research positions.
- ▶ Interest in undergraduate studies is increasing among students seeking athletic scholarships (swimming, basketball, etc.).
- ▶ Student exchange is primarily done within the EU through Erasmus and other programs. This is due in part to stipends and the ease of credit transfer. Credits from American institutions are rarely accepted in Slovenia.

Resource Links

Slovene Human Resources and Scholarship Fund: www.sklad-kadri.si and www.ad-futura.si
US Embassy Ljubljana, Slovenia: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/resources2.html>

Slovene education system structure:

www.mss.gov.si/fileadmin/mss.gov.si/pageuploads/ministrstvo/pdf/shema_en_2007.pdf

Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology: www.mvzt.gov.si/en/areas_of_work

Ministry of Education and Sport: www.mss.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/education_in_slovenia

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Slovene	Slovene
Years of study required:	3 or 4 years	3 or 4 years (Medicine 6)

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ In 2008, the Slovene Human Resources and Scholarship Fund will be certified as an EducationUSA center. For information about participating in student outreach or the launch of the new center, please contact the adviser.
- ▶ In fall 2008 and 2009, the EducationUSA center will take part in a major education fair. Študentska Arena — Slovenia will take place from October 16-18, 2008.

Partnering with EducationUSA Slovenia

Promotional materials such as posters and pennants will be an attractive addition to the new EducationUSA center. Promotional materials and course catalogs for the library are also welcome.

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